

Remarks

Claims 1-38 were previously pending, of which claims 6-38 were withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment withdrawn claims 6-38 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

The Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 6-38 to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply received at the Patent Office on 10-04-2000. Applicant cancels claims 6-38 by this Amendment. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner affirmatively to indicate in writing that he has considered art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement originally submitted June 20, 2000, a copy of which was resubmitted on February 26, 2001, and again on November 16, 2004.


Enclosed with this Amendment are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement originally submitted June 20, 2000, the associated Form 1449, the International Search Report (ISR) and references cited on the Form 1449 (except for U.S. Pat. No. 5,681,703), and the return postcard stamped by the Patent Office on June 23, 2000. Applicant notes that the reference by Fujio et al. cited in the ISR was previously considered and initialed by the Examiner (Ref. C1 in the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 27, 2000).

Summary

Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

If the Examiner has any question about this Amendment, he is requested to contact Applicant's representative at the number shown below.

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